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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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First Named Inventor:	Sadao NISHIBORI
Group Art Unit:	1771
Examiner:	J. Pierce
Attorney Docket No:	3170/3

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 filed on Dec. 16, 2003.
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief/Reply Brief filed on
 - iii. Other:
- b. Enclosed
- i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other:

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other:

3. Fees

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0753.
- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17).
 - iii. Other:
- b. Check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.
- c. Payment is made by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name:	Ira J. Schultz	Registration Number:	28666
Signature:		Date:	2/6/04